

## **ABSTRACT**

A gaming machine having a multi-tiered power supply and power  
5 distribution system which enables maintenance of low security and higher failure  
rate components such as video monitors, LCDs, or reel mechanisms without  
disconnecting power from higher security, low failure rate components such as the  
main processor board. The ability to provide multi-tiered power in this manner  
allows low security risk items to be serviced while the gaming machine is still in  
10 contact with the casino's backend reporting system, reporting on its status. This  
improves security, accountability of maintenance personnel, and significantly  
reduces overall gaming machine down time.